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Photo by Airman 1st Class James May

*From front to back, Airman 1st Class Justin Raggio, Airman 1st Class Johnathan Taylor and Senior Airman Kurtis Douge, 99th*

*Security Forces Squadron, check their weapons before shooting during Contending Warrior Sept. 23.*

## Nellis fares well in competition

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi  
AWFC Public Affairs

Contending Warrior wrapped up Sept. 23 with three of Nellis' finest security forces members winning a chance to compete for a spot on Air Combat Command's Defender Challenge team.

Senior Airman Kurtis Douge and Airmen 1st Class Dzajic Martinez and Justin Raggio, all with the 99th Security Forces Squadron, were among the 19 selected to compete for a spot on the eight-man ACC team representing the command against the rest of the Air Force.

Because he won both the Top Gun Award for his 9mm handgun performance and the Swift Warrior Award for his winning obstacle course time of 13 minutes

40 seconds, Airman Douge was awarded the Top Competitor Award. The award also recognizes his overall leadership skills and the Nellis team score of third overall.

Also selected as the ACC team trainer was Tech. Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson, 99th SFS.

The week-long event, held at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Nev., tested fitness, speed, teamwork, agility and leadership skills. Competitors were treated to a firepower demonstration on the last day of the event.

Team members from all the competing units, with Nellis range and safety officials keeping it safe, demonstrated all the weapons at the disposal of security forces in a 30-minute-long barrage of machine guns, grenade

blasts and rocket launchers aimed downrange at static targets.

"The combined effort of the safety office, EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) and the security forces squadron made this a spectacular event," said Master Sgt. J.C. Bollman, Air Warfare Center Weapons Safety Office.

"By adding the realism of incoming attacks for both the Ground Combat Training Flight and the hundreds of spectators, we keep up the tradition of Nellis hosting the best and safest events in the Air Force."

Of the 19 remaining finalists, eight will be selected for the ACC Defender Challenge team. The Air Force Defender Challenge will be hosted at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, at the end of October.





# AEF cycle two to start with improvements

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As Aerospace Expeditionary Forces 9 and 10 enter the last phase of the first 15-month cycle under the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept. Air Force officials are taking stock of the process and making a few adjustments where needed to ensure a smooth transition for the second cycle.

The Air Force launched the EAF concept Oct. 1, 1999, as a means to bring predictability and stability to Air Force members and their families. The AEFs are essentially a force management tool that helps the Air Force spread its capability more evenly across the total force: active duty, Guard and Reserve.

"My general impression is that the aerospace expeditionary force is going very well," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen, commander of the AEF Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"There are some growing pains, but any time you make a transition that is this major and involves an organization as big as the Air Force, there are bound to be some problem areas, but we're solving them," Gen. Larsen said.

He said one of the biggest successes so far is in the notification process. "AEFs 5 and 6 were the first full-up pair where we used unit type codes to task all the combat support forces and no longer used the PAL-ACE Tenure system where everybody was tasked individually," Gen. Larsen said.

Before AEFs 5 and 6, notifications went out 15 days before people actually deployed. But, for the second cycle beginning Dec. 1, Gen. Larsen said the notification went out 120 days prior. "We gained about a 10-fold improvement in our ability to get that information to our airmen; just from AEFs 5 and 6 in the first cycle, to AEFs 1 and 2 in the second cycle," he said.

"The 120-day advance notification is what we were shooting for, we're very pleased we were able to meet that goal," the general said. "That equates directly into people knowing well ahead of time that they are going to deploy or not, so it's a big plus."

Another area in which the Air Force is making improvements is in shortfall rates, Gen. Larsen said. "This is where a unit is tasked for a requirement in the area of respon-

sibility and can't fill it," he said. "We have to go back out and find someone else in the Air Force who can fill it."

"We started out with about 3.2 percent of our taskings coming back as shortfalls in AEFs 5 and 6, but, so far, currently we're down to 0.5 percent for AEFs 1 and 2 for the second cycle. This is a significant improvement and certainly a lot more promising than what we had earlier."

Gen. Larsen attributes this improvement to two factors. One is the earlier notification process. "The units have time to check and double-check to make sure they have the right person for the tasking," he said. "The other reason is that we have grown the number of people we have inside the AEF construct. When we first started cycle 1, we only had about 90,000 people, which is obviously a very small part of our Air Force."

"Right now though, we're up to 141,000 people, and that number is growing as we posture more UTCs and more people," Gen. Larsen said. "We have a bigger populace to draw

from so there are less shortfalls."

He added that the reserve components are contributing greatly to the total force effort, with the Guard and Reserve continuing to fill 10 percent of the combat support taskings and 24 percent of the aviation units' forward deployed commitments for the second cycle.

"The Reserve and Guard are really standing up; it's a success story," Gen. Larsen said.

Even with the larger number of

Under the 90-day period, the AEW commanders discovered the off period didn't give them enough time to recover and prepare to go back on call. "So both wing commanders wanted to lengthen the tour, so they now have 120 days when they're off call so they have more time to do all the training, temporary duty and other things they need to do to be proficient at their jobs," he said. "This also rotates who is on call for the holiday and summer season."

"These are all important changes that made sense to do," Gen. Larsen said. "Obviously, the most important thing as we go from cycle to cycle is to continuously improve the process, keeping in mind that predictability is a key thing we're driving for."

He said a big improvement for the second cycle is the military-restricted "EAF Online" Web site at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/>. Airmen can access individualized "training templates" from a military computer to obtain information about their deployed job description and mission, even the equipment they'll be working with.

"People can go to this (secure) Web site to learn all about their deployment, which I think is one of the biggest improvements they will see in the second cycle," the general said.

As people are tasked for their 90-day deployments, Gen. Larsen said, everyone must keep in mind this does not include number of days spent traveling in and out of the area of responsibility. "People will most likely be staying beyond 90 days, for traveling and some overlap."

"Overall, the feedback has been pretty positive," Gen. Larsen said. "Folks are learning what AEFs they're in and when they're deploying, and we expect to see big improvements in cycle 2."

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people eligible to deploy, Gen. Larsen said there are still some units that are heavily tasked, such as airborne warning and control, search and rescue, and Rivet Joint. The Air Force is deeply committed to determining what the limiting factors are for these units, known as low density/high demand, and fixing them.

Gen. Larsen said, as an example, the limiting factor for the AWACS units was the total number of combat ready crews they had trained. "So a lot of effort has gone into increasing the training pipeline for them, and we think about a year from now the AWACS crews will fall completely under the AEF schedule," deploying for only one 90-day period per cycle.

Another move the Air Force has made as it transitions to the second cycle is lengthening the deployments of the on-call aerospace expeditionary wings.

"The AEWs will go from 90 days to 120 days," Larsen said. "This is another move that made sense to do."

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## Nellis loses a valued member

Tech. Sgt. John Reaux, 99th Supply Squadron, died while jogging in northwest Las Vegas. Sgt. Reaux was 36 years old and is survived by his wife and daughter. Memorial services were held Thursday at the Chapel. Sgt. Reaux will be buried in Texas.

## Nellis Salutes

**Congratulations to the following quarterly award winners.**

### 99th Mission Support Squadron Airman

Senior Airman Charles Thrasher Jr.

### NCO

Staff Sgt. Beatrice Philbrook

### Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Randall Webster

### Civilian

Mr. Geno Ermenio



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# Space command celebrates 15th anniversary

**By Army Staff Sgt. Jack Siemieniec  
U.S. Space Command Public Affairs**

Tracing its roots back as far as 1945, when the first missile and space tests were conducted, U.S. Space Command celebrated 15 years of service Sept. 23.

Formally activated Sept. 23, 1985, to consolidate and streamline America's space defense operations, USSPACECOM's mission has evolved along with the technology it depends upon.

When that technology advanced man's exploration capabilities higher and higher into the atmosphere — and beyond — the United States' military services began exploring the possibilities that space held for the nation's defense. What began as independent, individual efforts grew into a loose affiliation of space pioneers.

A 1954 Air Force study outlined the military value of satellites and the Department of Defense approved further research into the subject. Also in 1954, the Continental Air Defense Command, called CONAD, was created. A joint command — located in Colorado Springs, Colo. — CONAD was given the operational control of Army Anti-Aircraft Command, created in 1951; the Air Force's Air Defense Command and Naval Forces Continental Air Defense Command, the Navy's component to CONAD.

While experiments into space exploration and utilization continued, the concept of

space as a potential Cold War battlefield received new emphasis with the surprise launching and success of the Soviet Union's Sputnik satellite in 1957.

In response, DOD conceived the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to coordinate military and scientific space endeavors in February 1958. As a result, DOD became the first administrator of the nation's space program.

Later that year, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was created. It was envisioned that NASA would oversee civilian space research and technology. In June 1959, the chief of naval operations voiced the idea of a unified military space command that would coordinate space activities.

DOD turned down the idea, with the explanation there was no need for a centralized command for space systems. September 1959 brought a two-year sojourn away from the idea of a centralized space authority.

Service rivalries came into play and criticism arose of the duplication of efforts. So, in 1961, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara issued a statement which stated each service could conduct preliminary research into space projects, but gave the Air Force the responsibility for final development. Then, in 1970, the directive was amended; allowing other services a role in space research and development, and systems funding, but the Air Force retained leadership over their acquisition and operation.

The Air Force began its Directorate of Space in 1981 to centralize its space integration activities and, in September 1982, created Air Force Space Command signaling its increased emphasis in space operations.

Since its activation in September 1985, USSPACECOM continues to grow into its mission. The late 1980s saw the beginning of ballistic missile defense and a focus on support of the tactical operations of conventional forces.

The 1991 Gulf War proved what an asset space operations are to theater warfare, whether in missile warning, communications or global positioning system satellites.

As a result of the war, an emphasis was placed on the better use of space-based resources. In May of 1994, the Aerospace Integration Center was assigned to Red Flag. Shortly thereafter, the US Air Force Weapons School received its Space Division. Their combined mission is to teach warfighters the tactical and operational importance of space operations and to ensure that all the space-based tools available are used to their fullest.

"By realizing how far we have gone in space, people can see how important space is," said Lt. Col. Steven Hanna, Space Warfare Center, Det. 1, Aerospace Integration Center commander. "There is a space element to the global battlefield with air, space and information warfare becoming more and more important in the future. We must exploit every opportunity and advantage we have in space to ensure we win all future battles."



## Action Line

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652-4636



Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: [commander.action@nellis.af.mil](mailto:commander.action@nellis.af.mil). Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and

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Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Child Development Center II - 652-5885

Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844

Fitness Center - 652-6433

# How can we slow speeders down?



We live in Manch Manor and have trouble on a constant basis with speeders. Unfortunately, our attempts to slow these drivers down have failed.

I have some suggestions that I believe the base should consider in attempting to stop these speeders: Lock the second gate leading into Manch Manor from Craig Road, increase the number of patrols enforcing the speed limit, place a 'speed cart' in key areas to identify speeders and add more speed bumps.

Our children's safety is the most important thing for us.



Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Speeding in the housing areas or anywhere else on Nellis isn't just a traffic violation; it's unsafe.

The speed limit in housing is 15 miles per hour and 10 miles per hour

in Cafferelli Court for a reason — safety. It is dangerous to exceed this limit even by a small amount.

We also appreciate the fact that you suggested solutions to the problem. Our security forces squadron has looked at your proposed solutions and have implemented some of your suggestions.

They have a schedule to ensure extra patrol coverage in the housing areas and have placed the Smart Cart speed monitoring devices at selected locations.

Additionally, we will review the penalties for speeding on base and explore the option of increasing them.

While our security forces are proactively pursuing this problem, we must realize that they can't be everywhere at once. I want to remind everyone we have a "citizen's complaint" process.

If you witness someone driving in housing in an unsafe manner, call the Security Forces Desk at 652-2311 and give a vehicle description and license plate if possible. They'll run the license plate and notify the individual's com-

mander or first sergeant of the incident. Although a ticket can't be issued, the incident will be documented, and the chain of command can respond appropriately.

Our housing areas are intended to be safe and peaceful places for our people to live. I implore everyone to do the right thing and respect the base speed limits for your safety and the safety of everyone on base.



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# New CV-22 Osprey arrives at Edwards

By Ms. Gidge Dady  
**Naval Air Systems Command**  
**V-22 Public Affairs**

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, Patuxent River, Md. — The arrival of the first CV-22 Osprey at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., ushers in a new era in aviation for the Air Force and U.S. Special Operations Command.

The new CV-22 flew from the Bell Helicopter Flight Research Center in Arlington, Texas, where it was converted from a MV-22 to a CV-22, to its new home at Edwards. The conversion began last June at the Bell facility, where two MV-22 aircraft were reconfigured with CV-22 production wiring and CV-22-unique systems such as multi-mode radar for terrain following/terrain avoidance, auxiliary fuel tanks and an integrated electronic warfare suite.

"The arrival of this aircraft means

combined developmental and operational testing for the USSOCOM's number one acquisition priority," said Lt. Col. Jim Shaffer, CV-22 Multi-service operational

test director. "This aircraft is the first revolution in aviation to hit (Edwards AFB) since the breaking of the sound barrier," he said. "There have been lots of airplanes and helicopters tested here, but they all have one thing in common, they are all evolutionary continuations of a concept. Tiltrotor is a revolutionary step in national capability being developed and evaluated for the warfighter CV-22 Integrated Test Team."



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For the next two years, the CV-22 ITT, comprised of Air Force, Marine Corps, Bell Boeing and Raytheon personnel, will take the aircraft through a rigorous flight test program

that will culminate in operational test and evaluation in August 2002. Beginning immediately, the aircraft will enter testing of its electronic warfare suite in the anechoic chamber facility and then follow on with the risk reduction flight test program.

The newest addition to the USSOCOM aviation arsenal was unveiled July 25, in a roll-out ceremony held at the Bell Helicopter Textron facility in Arlington, Texas,

where Lt. Gen. Norton Schwartz, USSOCOM deputy commander in chief, emphasized the importance of this new weapon system.

"Having the CV-22 means having significant advantage over the maneuver capabilities of potential future adversaries," Col. Schwartz said. "The CV-22 fills a long-standing USSOCOM and Air Force requirement to conduct long range insertion and extraction missions at night."

The Air Force is acquiring 50 CV-22 Ospreys to replace its fleet of MH-53J Pave Low helicopters. Procurement of the first production CV-22s is scheduled to begin in 2001, with deliveries in 2003 and an initial operational capability expected in 2004. The first four production aircraft will go to the 58th Training Squadron at Kirtland AFB, N.M., where they will be used for CV-22 advanced aircrew training.

# Get the right fit from your uniforms

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Many options exist to help Air Force members get the right size and fit when buying uniforms, including free alterations on enlisted issue items, and custom sizing and measurement services.

"Many people are unaware of the services that are available to help them get the right fit in their uniforms," said Master Sgt. Ruth Nischwitz, superintendent of the Air Force Uniform Section.

"If it is a fit problem, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has provisions to help you look your best," she said. Recent design modifications caused some minor changes to the fit of military uniforms. The military clothing sales staff is familiar with these changes and trained on the latest uniform sizing policies, Sgt. Nischwitz said.

"If you are unsure what size you need, the staff can measure you and recommend what would be appropriate," she said. "Free alterations are available for enlisted issue items. "For example, the alterations

shop staff can adjust your collar, shoulder pads and slope, sleeve length, back and side seams, adjust back waist length, hemline, button alignment and attach rank insignia; and that's just to your service coat," she said.

Alterations can also be made to the waist, seat, crotch, inseam and hemline of trousers and slacks; and women can have their blouse sleeves shortened and side and back seams altered.

Adjustments also apply to outer garments, such as the all weather coat. "The collar, sleeve length, hemline, and button alignment can all be altered," Sgt. Nischwitz said.

For AAFES' optional clothing items, alterations are built into the cost of the garment, regardless of rank, she said. "They include the sleeve length and braid attached to the service coat; sleeve length on the mess dress jacket; waist and hemline adjustments on the skirt, trousers and slacks; and hemline adjustments on all maternity skirts, slacks and jumpers."

For people who cannot



Photo by A1C Ashley Sorrels

**Senior Airman Tri Gibson, 99th Support Group, shops for new uniforms at Clothing and Sales located next to the Base Exchange.**

find clothing that fits or that can be altered from the available sizes, a special measurement service is offered free for enlisted issue items, Sgt. Nischwitz said.

Additionally, there is a special order service, which is available for the AAFES' optional uniforms. If an item or size is listed in the normal size range and is not in stock, AAFES will absorb the additional

cost of getting the item for the customer, Sgt. Nischwitz said.

Custom-tailored service on AAFES optional uniforms is also available for customers who cannot fit into stock uniforms or desire a custom fit. Sgt. Nischwitz said these orders are subject to a manufacturer's special tailoring fee that may be as high as 175 percent above

the cost of a stock uniform and can take up to eight to 10 weeks for delivery. "There are two key elements essential to making the available services work for you," Sgt. Nischwitz said.

"The first is planning ahead; do not assume these services can be done on the spot. The other is to address any problems or suggestions you may have to the appropriate agency. If it is a service or manufacturing workmanship-related problem, use an AAFES customer comment card, or talk to a clothing sales store employee," she said.

Suggestions for changing a uniform item should be addressed on an Air Force Form 1000 to the military personnel flight's customer service section.

Customer comment cards are available at all military clothing sales stores or online. All cards received are sent to AAFES headquarters for appropriate action.

Nellis Clothing and Sales offers these accommodations for customers. For more information, call 652-5933.



# Tricare assistant helps with debt collection

By Capt. Fermina Marks  
*TriCare Flight commander*

The Department of Defense has implemented a debt collection assistance officer program to help servicemembers, retirees and their eligible family members with TriCare-related debt problems.

For the first time, an assistance officer is now located at each Medical Treatment Facility and is the single point of contact when a TriCare beneficiary needs help with these kinds

of problems.

Mrs. Louise Craig, 99th Medical Group's DCAO, is available to provide immediate assistance. Her number is 653-2500.

"We do not want our servicemembers to have the burden of resolving individual claims. They should not have to worry about negotiations with multiple agencies to settle outstanding claims, stressful notices from bill collectors and, sometimes, adverse ratings in their credit reports," said Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Mr.

Bernard Rostker.

Once contacted by a TriCare-eligible beneficiary, the DCAO will intercede with all agencies involved, including military personnel offices, the MTFs, lead agents, network and non-network providers, TriCare Management Activity, managed care contractors, and even debt collection agencies when appropriate, to resolve a collection issue arising from a TriCare claim.

The DCAO will research the claims history and notify the beneficiary when a resolution has

been reached. If appropriate, the DCAO will provide written documentation to the TriCare beneficiary for use with national credit reporting companies in removing unwarranted adverse credit information related to TriCare claims. "Our beneficiaries value their medical care benefit, and they have told us on surveys that it is a primary reason for staying in the military," said Mr. Rostker. "Our servicemembers deserve assistance and relief from unwarranted collection actions resulting from unpaid medical claims."







# Good on us!!

## Nellis, Seymour Johnson make final cut for ACC Installation Excellence Award

**By Ms. Martine Ramos  
AWFC Public Affairs**

What could Nellis do with an extra \$100,000? Better yet, what could we do with an extra \$1,000,000?

Those are the amounts Team Nellis stands to win for quality-of-life programs if awarded the 2001 Commander-in-Chief Annual Installation Excellence Award.

The good news is Nellis has been selected as one of two finalist bases at MAJCOM level. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. is the other finalist. The ACC winner goes on to compete at Air Force level for the chance to receive the \$1,000,000 award.

Written submission got Nellis this far. Next, the ACC evaluation team will come in person to "check us out" Oct. 16 through 20.

Although not an inspection, Nellis will be evaluated from top to bottom on quality-of-life initiatives, including every aspect of appearance and demeanor.

Nellis will need to demonstrate how we have introduced innovative programs that help to create and sustain excellent base operations, said Senior Master Sgt. Walter Lipscomb, project NCO.

In other words, we have our work cut out for

us. There will be a series of dry runs accomplished prior to the arrival of the evaluation team. This is where we all come in, he added.

We can ensure our base and work areas look good inside and out, and

This award, established by the President of the United States in 1984, recognizes the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain Department of Defense installations and who have done the

### ***Nellis has to show how its innovative programs do the following:***

- \*Improve the work environment***
- \*Improve quality of life***
- \*Enhance productivity of the work force***
- \*Increase customer satisfaction or improve customer service***
- \*Encourage bottom-to-top communication and team problem solving***
- \*Promote unit cohesiveness and recognize outstanding individual efforts***
- \*Promote environmental safety to include compliance, remediation and stewardship actions***

that each of us feels good about the units, programs and base. "To make it to this level is a real testament to the hard work and dedication of all the professionals who make up Team Nellis. This is a time to be proud...to stand tall and tell the ACC team what we are all about. When the team shows up to see what we can do, I know they will be impressed by what they see," said Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander.

best with their resources to support the mission.

The award encourages commanders to create an environment that promotes innovative and creative ways of enhancing base-level services, facilities and quality of life.

Additional information about the award evaluation will be forthcoming in the Bullseye. The point of contact is Sgt. Walter Lipscomb. He can be reached at 249-2423 or 2-USAF (8723).

***Come out and support  
the Fighting Falcons!!***

*The Air Force Academy football team is scheduled to play the University of Nevada, Las Vegas "Rebels" 5 p.m. Saturday at Sam Boyd Stadium, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway. For tickets, call Tickets and Tours at 652-2192.*





# Warrior of the Week

**Airman 1st Class William Rumenapp**



**Unit:** 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Duty Title:** Aerospace Ground Equipment Journeyman

**Hometown:** White City, Ore.

**Time in Air Force:** 2 years and 3 months

**Time at Nellis:** 1 year and 7 months

**Hobbies:** Four-wheeling off-road, swimming, going to the gym

**If I could change one thing about Nellis?** I would like a flightline dining hall open on the weekends.

**What's my favorite Air Force memory?** When the Canadian Snowbirds, Navy Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds flew together here. It was great!



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

## **Channel 11 viewing schedule**

**Daily program schedule for  
Commander's Access Channel  
Nellis Cable Channel 11**

**Eye on Nellis:** 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**The March Field Story:** 7:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

**Air Force News:** 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**In the Shadows of History:** 8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Army News Watch:** 8:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Navy/Marine Corps News:** 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

**Nellis Safety Day:** 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**Public Service Announcements:** 10:10 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 6:10 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.

## **Correction!!**

*Last week we inadvertently mis-identified the Warrior of the Week. We apologize to Airman 1st Class Rumenapp. We have reprinted the corrected version this week.*





# Nellis underage drinking on upswing

**By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz**  
**AWFC Public Affairs**

Having a good time is all right, but drinking underage is not. Current Nellis statistics show that from January through September, 15 incidents of underage drinking have been reported, doubling last year's numbers.

"This year is far outpacing last year," said Staff Sgt. Paul Beuchat, 99th Security Forces Squadron, about this year's drinking incidences.

Nellis personnel officials report there are 535 underage airmen on Nellis.

"The underage drinkers we usually catch are found at noisy dorm parties," said Sgt. Beuchat. "We go to the parties and identify everyone. If we find they are underage and have

taken any amount of alcohol – even a sip – they are in trouble."

We are not going to find out about every underage drinking incident. Some first sergeants will catch their own airmen drinking and will handle the incident in house," he said. "Many other incidents go undetected."

Quite often, underage drinkers have large amounts of alcohol in their systems when apprehended.

"Underage drinking leads to many problems," said Sgt. Beuchat. "They could overdose and get alcohol poisoning. They can get wild and break things or pick fights. Underage drinking frequently leads to personal injuries and damaged property."

Underage active-duty people are briefed on the consequences of

drinking, but it is up to the person to follow through, he said.

"We brief at commander's call and also have pamphlets about drugs. It is up to the supervisors and leadership to enforce the rules," said Sgt. Beuchat. "The first sergeants usually are the ones who brief on the consequences of underage drinking."

Airmen can support each other by being aware of situations that can lead to underage drinking.

"The problem happens because of a lack of maturity. Also, people who are old enough to drink should not be drinking with younger airmen. If you know someone who is underage and drinking, don't ignore it. We bust quite a few people for contributing to the delinquency of a minor," Sgt. Beuchat cautioned.

Airman 1st Class Jason Wise, 99th Security Forces Squadron, speaks from personal experience with underage drinking. "The smart thing to do is don't drink until you are of age. People need to take responsibility for their actions and do the right thing. And watch your friends; don't let them get out of control. Help them stay safe."

Underage drinking can have serious career consequences from adverse administrative actions, such as unfavorable information files, control roster, Article 15, loss of promotion, lost stripes and lost pay.

"Underage drinkers caught off base also face fines and court appearances. Any way you look at it, you lose if you drink underage," Sgt. Beuchat concluded.

# Nellis offers employment opportunities

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

The first in a series of four job market seminars held at the Family Support Center provided lots of useful information for job seekers and offered the possibility of job offers to qualified applicants.

"This seminar will be quarterly with the same core on-base employers," said Mr. Mike Hudson, 99th Mission Support Squadron career focus manager. "We do a wide range of other classes and seminars including a complete series of 'Brown Bags' starting in October. We are looking for innovative new ideas to charge up the Career Focus program at Nellis and better meet the needs of the Nellis community."

About 50 people from Nellis participated with hopes of finding the right job.

Representatives from Civilian Personnel, Nevada Federal Credit Union, Non-Appropriated Funds, Armed Forces Bank, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service spoke to the seminar participants, and handed out brochures and employment applications.

"We encourage everyone who

wants to work to apply," said Ms. Patty Pyle, Armed Forces Bank. "We strive to accommodate persons with families or unusual schedules."

Mrs. Jacquie Walker, wife of Tech. Sgt. Darrell Walker, 57th Wing, called the seminar "quite interesting. We got a lot of information on job opportunities. I really enjoyed it because I am facing the new challenges of switching jobs."

The speakers stressed the need to research the job market.

"Who you are and what you can do for the company is what AAFES looks at when hiring," said Ms. Jenni Rundell, AAFES. "Just about every career field, from retail to computers, is available. We have something for everyone," she said.

Federal jobs are also available, but frequently people must be willing to relocate to other bases. There also are some part-time jobs that offer flexibility to military spouses trying to juggle family and career.

Experience is a key factor in getting a job. "We actively recruit people who have worked at another Base Exchange or NAF activity because that experience is readily transferable," Ms. Rundell said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

**Right, Ms. Kay Michan receives employment information from Ms. Katrina Jones, Non-appropriated Funds employee, at the first Family Support Center job fair.**

"Many of our jobs are part time and are filled by military spouses who relocate from one base to another."

"Anyone who has access to Nellis is encouraged to attend our programs," said Mr. Hudson. "The emphasis is on military spouses, but

we assist the entire military community both active duty and retired. Department of Defense civilians are also welcome."

The next Family Support Center job seminar is Jan. 29. For more information, call 652-3327.



## *Bowling Center receives best in Air Combat Command*

**By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs**

The bowling center rolled a perfect game by winning the best Air Combat Command award.

"This is fantastic," said Mr. Richard Oak, bowling center manager. "This is the first time that the bowling center has received this award."

New automatic scoring, glow-in-the-dark bowling and pinsetters are part of the center's recently completed \$385,000 renovation project, intended to

ership, management, customer satisfaction and positive operational results.

"We offer something for everyone, both military and civilian. We also sponsor tournaments and other special programs and activities for bowlers," said Mr. Speidel. "Our management team is also heavily involved in the daily activities at the center."

The bowling center hosts the Bowman, Coca Cola and Corporate Challenge annual tournaments. It also offers youth leagues that are co-spon-



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

better serve the Nellis community.

The facility has a new pro shop with new walls, counters, bowling ball drill area and a new display case for merchandise.

"It's an achievement that couldn't have been done without the whole bowling center staff giving their all, which they do everyday," said Mr. Oak. "They make the place work. This bowling center succeeds because of them"

"We greatly improved operations and substantially enhanced the efficiency and ambiance of the facility," said Mr. Carl Speidel, assistant manager.

The award was based on the bowling center's lead-

sored with the Youth and Child Development Centers.

"These tournaments and activities impact more than 1,000 children and teenagers and provide military and civilians exciting programs," said Mr. Speidel.

Because of the increase in programs and events, revenue at the center increased by \$37,000 for 1999.

"It's quite unique for Nellis to win this award," said Mr. Oak. "Because of our location in Las Vegas, we have to compete with state-of-the-art bowling centers. Not all bases are around such a big bowling city and have the competition from the larger bowling centers within the casinos."



# Nellis slips past North Las Vegas 10 - 8

By Staff Sgt. Benny Colley  
99th Services Squadron

It has evolved into a battle like the Giants vs. Dodgers, like the Red Sox vs. the Yankees, like the North vs. the South.

The annual softball game between Nellis and the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce that highlights the Nellis Appreciation Day picnic, sponsored by the Chamber.

This year's epic had all the drama of past games. Nellis' Troy Young used his abun-



Photos by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

***Above, Troy Young hits one for Nellis against North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce at the Nellis Appreciation Day picnic.***



***Below, Senior Master Sgt. Mark Taylor hits a ball that is sure to get a run in for the Nellis team.***

dant speed to score the game's first run, in the first inning. NLV tied things in the third inning with some timely hitting, but Nellis answered that run in the bottom of the third with seven hits that produced six runs.

Coach Steve Williams showed the way with a bases-clearing double that knocked in three runs. Nellis scored three more runs in the fifth inning and with a nine-run lead, it looked like this one was history.

But NLV had some tricks up its collective sleeves, and surged back with a three-run sixth and a four-run seventh to close to 10-8.

The North Las Vegas comeback ended with the tying run at the plate when a long fly ball was hauled in by centerfielder Mark Taylor for the final out. Nellis triumphed 10-8.

The high winds forced the cancellation of the volleyball contest between Nellis and the Chamber.



## Nellis News

**Editor's note: Bullseye submissions are due by noon the Friday prior to publication.**

### **Korean War veterans**

Team Nellis is organizing a retreat ceremony and luncheon for Korean War veterans. Anyone who took part in the Korean War can call Senior Airman Kelley McErlane at 249-1544 to ensure they are recognized at upcoming events.

### **Enlisted aide**

An enlisted aide position is available at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desired. However, anyone with a "can-do" attitude and the ability to interact with senior officers can apply. Volunteers must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Chief's positions**

Air Force Personnel Center Chief's Group is seeking volunteers for positions at 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., reporting no later than Oct. 31; 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo., reporting no later than Nov. 30; Peterson AFB, Colo., reporting no

later than April 2; and Robins AFB, Ga., reporting no later than June 25. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Advisory council meeting**

The Base Exchange and Commissary Quarterly Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. in the Home and Garden Center training conference room. Units are encouraged to send a representative; this is a forum with AAFES/DeCA management to discuss items of interest. Spouses and retirees are also invited.

### **Group life insurance**

Members considering canceling Servicemembers Group Life Insurance in favor of another policy, should ensure it does not have a suicide, flying, or war clause that would preclude payment to beneficiaries. SGLI coverage will never be reduced or canceled due to health problems. SGLI proceeds are exempt from taxation. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Record of Emergency Data**

Don't wait for an emergency to happen before discovering that your DD Form 93, Record of Emergency

Data, is out of date. For this reason, it is imperative that military members keep their DD Form 93 accurate and current. For more information, call 652-9073.

### **Survivor Benefit Plan**

The Survivor Benefit Plan is often misunderstood and undervalued. SBP counselors will schedule upcoming retirees for a pre-retirement briefing. In addition to the briefing, various handouts are available to assist people in making a decision on the plan. For more information, call 652-9428.

### **99th Mission Support closure**

99th Mission Support Squadron, Bldg. 20 is closing at 11:30 a.m. today for an official function. Customer Service will be minimum manned. All the offices have made arrangements for scheduled appointments. For more information, call Senior Airman Rebecca Barnett at 652-4064.

### **Crosswinds Inn to reopen**

The Crosswinds Inn Dining Facility opens Monday at 11 a.m. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch only. For more information,

call 652-7255.

### **Used book sale**

The American Red Cross is holding a used book sale at the Home and Garden Center today from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Donations of used books are being accepted at the Red Cross office in Bldg. 625. For more information, call 652-2106.

### **Thrift Shop special**

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignments and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales. The Thrift Shop is accepting Halloween and Christmas items for consignment.

### **Free \$20 phone cards from the Air Force Aid Society**

If you are deploying or going TDY for more than 30 days, stop by the Family Support Center with your orders and get a free \$20 worldwide phone card. For more information, call 652-3327.





# Nellis Living

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**Base Theater  
652-5020**

## Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the email mailing list, send your requests to [angel1m@lvcn.com](mailto:angel1m@lvcn.com).

## Today

**Space Cowboys  
(PG-13)**

Clint Eastwood,  
Tommy Lee Jones

**Saturday, Sunday,  
Monday**

**The Replacements  
(PG-13)**

Keanu Reeves,  
Gene Hackman

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**\*\*Theater  
is closed**

**Tuesday and  
Wednesday\*\***

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## Thursday

**Bless the Child (R)**

Kim Bassinger,  
Jimmy Smits

**Chapel  
652-2950**

## Weekly schedule:

### Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### Protestant worship

**Sunday:** Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

### Classes/Activities

#### Religious Education

Classes begin Sunday for

Protestants. For more information, call 652-7950.

**Singles** meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** has three home Bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

**Men of the Chapel** meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 in the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

**"Lord, I need grace to make it"** is a study on the endless grace of God. Classes are Thursdays through Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 643-5981.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

### Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve meals for the singles twice a month. For more information, call 651-1741.

### Rehearsals

Rehearsals for this year's Christmas Musical, "Best Gift of All" are Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. Additional singers are needed for all parts.

**Community  
Center  
652-5014**

### Dog obedience class

Is your dog out of control? A six-week dog obedience class begins Thursday at the Community Center. Cost is \$25.

**Family Support  
Center  
652-3327**

### TAP

The 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life is offered in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs for retiring or separating personnel. Registration is required for the workshop that runs Oct. 11 through 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Job search

Need help with job search or want more information about the Las Vegas job market? Come to Job Search in Las Vegas Oct. 10, 9 to 11 a.m. and see how the Career Focus Program can help with resumes, interviewing techniques and networking. Register for our easy and effective computerized job bank. Call 652-3327 to register.

### Briefing

A predeployment briefing is held Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis community to prepare for a deployment and remote assignment. It also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration. Spouses are invited to attend.

**HAWC  
653-3376**

### American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is Oct. 14 at 8:30 a.m. The Health and Wellness Center is organizing a team for Nellis to participate in the noncompetitive 5K walk. For more information, call 653-3375.

### PACE

The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. and is designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting.

### Breast Health Fair

Screenings are Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breast exams/information and mammogram referrals are available to eligible beneficiaries. For more information, call the HAWC.

**Nellis Boys  
and Girls Club  
652-9307**

### Baby-sitting workshop

Babysitters ages 12 to 18 can learn skills in safety, CPR, first aid, decision making and handling emergencies. Class is Tuesday through Thursday at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ms. Sherry Franklin at 652-9307.

### Family swap meet

Plan to make a few extra dollars by selling those unused items at the swap meet Saturday and Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per table and sellers keep all the sale proceeds. Sign up at the Nellis Boys and Girls Club.

**Outdoor Recreation  
652-8967**

### Volksmarch canceled

The Volksmarched scheduled for Saturday has been canceled due to lack of participation.

### Black Canyon trip

Go on a canoe adventure down the Colorado River Oct. 14. The group will stop at a sauna cave, hot springs and different beaches along the way. Cost is \$35 which includes a packed lunch. The next trip is Nov. 11.

**Skills Development  
Center  
652-2794**

### Ceramics class

Adults can create a Indian planter Saturday at 1 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$15. The next two children's classes are Oct. 14 and 21 at 10 a.m. Each class costs \$8. Students get a chance to create a Halloween decoration. Adults can create a Halloween basket Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. for \$10.

### Art contest

Entries are now being accepted in four artist/craftsman categories: fine art, textiles, industrial and multi-craft/pattern. There are also four photography categories: monochrome, color prints, color transparencies and digital. Deadline for entries is Oct. 6. Judging is Oct. 10. The Skills Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by to pick up entry forms.

### Craft Bazaar

Purchase handmade treasures at the bazaar Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Skills Development Center.

**Tickets & Tours  
652-2192**

### 2 for 1 tickets

Two-ticket packages to "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy" tonight at Mandalay Bay, 8:30 p.m., are available for \$25. Tickets are limited. Pick up a flier at Tickets and Tours and present it to the Mandalay Bay box office to take advantage of this offer.

### Priceis Right, Universal Studios

Try your luck at a taping of "The Price is Right" or get a fill of adventure at Universal Studios. These two trips run simultaneously. Cost of "The Price is Right" tour is \$54 per person. Participants must be 18 to view the taping of the show. Cost for the Universal Studios tour is \$70 for adults and \$65 for children 3 to 11. Both prices include admission fee and transportation costs. The bus leaves Nellis Oct. 17. Deadline to sign up is Oct 7.